Subject: Gutenburg Bible medals
purchased by Library of Congress

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[Washington, D.C.]

1933

~~RICHARD YATES~~
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~~ILLINOIS~~

~~Congress of the United States~~
~~House of Representatives~~
~~Washington, D. C.~~

3150 Highland Place, N.W.
Washington D.C.

July 24- '33—

Numismatic Society-
156 th St. & Broadway
New York City—

Gentlemen-

I am addressing you in the interest of one of the silver medals in connection with the Gutenberg Bible, recently purchased by the Library of Congress.— At the time there was issued, as I presume you are aware, a "set" of medals as follows: One gold, two silver and fourteen bronze. One of the two silver medals is available & may be had at a very reasonable price. It is a very beautiful

work of art, and an exceptional opportunity by which it can be acquired.

Very Cordially Yours
(Mrs.) F. B. Clark

July 31, 1933.

Mrs. F. B. Clark
3150 Highland Place, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Madam:

For some unknown reason we are not acquainted with the medals made in connection with the Gutenburg Bible. If you could give us more details concerning why and where they were issued we would appreciate it very much. We could then better tell you if we are interested in the silver medal that you have. Also, please let us know the price you are asking.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

3150 Highland Place, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

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Mr. Howland Wood
The American Numismatic Society
Broadway - Bet. 155 th + 156 th Sts.
New York. N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wood -

In response to your letter of July 31st, all that seems to be known about the medals in question is that they were issued at the time, by the University of Gutenberg, I understand, for the purpose of distribution among the museums and people of outstanding prominence.

It is one of the most beautiful + finest medals ever made - Several Numismatists, Museums, etc. are eager to have it, but plead "no appropriations", + the news papers are clamoring for a

photograph & the privilege of writing it up. but as you will appreciate, no photograph is made of it, and for obvious reasons, could not be given out for such purpose.

It is by a very rare circumstance that makes so equally a rarity available, and at the price of only three hundred dollars, I remain

Very truly yours

Helene Leland

(Mrs. F. B. Leland)